REMARKS

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Claims 7-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 are cancelled to further prosecution and without waiver of the subject matter contained therein. Applicant reserves the right to represent the subject matter of Claims 1-6 in this application or a later filed divisional or continuation application.

Applicant added new Claims 7-25. No new matter is added to the application.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the new Claims 7-25 in view of the following remarks.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Barbar Sarwar and Supervisory Examiner Nick Corsaro for the courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney, Karl F. Horlander, Reg. No. 63,147, in a telephonic interview held April 4, 2009. In the interview, the parties discussed the claims in view of 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. No agreement was reached regarding the pending claims.

Amendment to the Specification

In the Office Action mailed February 3, 2009, page 2, the title of the application was rejected as being non-descriptive of the invention. Applicant agrees with the title suggested by the Examiner, and the Specification is amended accordingly.

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Amendment and Response to Office Action

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35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1, 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Yamada et al. (US 2003/0135748 A1), hereinafter referenced as Yamada. Claims 1

and 3-5 are cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 2 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

over Yamada in view of Philip J. Hayward (GB 2369205 A), hereinafter referenced

as Philip. Claims 2 and 6 are cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection. Applicant

respectfully submits that the new Claims 7-25 are patentably distinct from the

above recited art or any combination thereof. Thus, Applicant requests

reconsideration of the claims of this application.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and

respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued. Applicant respectfully

requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone

number provided below or by email, to arrange a telephone conference regarding the

amended application in hopes of expeditious examination and/or allowance of the

now pending claims.

Respectfully submitted.

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